

11. A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length which specifically hybridizes with at least an 8-nucleobase portion of an active site on a nucleic acid molecule encoding

connective tissue growth factor.

12. A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

13. The composition of claim 12 further comprising a colloidal dispersion system.

14. The composition of claim 12 wherein the compound is an antisense oligonucleotide.

15. A method of inhibiting the expression of connective tissue growth factor in cells or tissues comprising contacting said cells or tissues with the compound of claim 1 so that expression of connective tissue growth factor is inhibited.

16. A method of treating an animal having a disease or condition associated with connective tissue growth factor comprising administering to said animal a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of the compound of claim 1 so that expression of connective tissue growth factor is inhibited.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the disease or condition is a hyperproliferative disorder.

18. The method of claim 17 wherein the hyperproliferative disorder is cancer.

19. The method of claim 18 wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of breast, prostate and renal cancer.

20. The method of claim 16 wherein the disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of pulmonary fibrosis, renal fibrosis, scleroderma, and atherosclerosis.